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SULFURIC ACID PLANT STARTS OPERATIONS; SPEED EQUIPMENT UNLOADING AT STALIN FERTILIZER PLANT

PLANT IS PART OF STALIN FERTILIZER PLANT -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 11 Dec 50

Although not yet entirely completed, the sulfuric acid plant at the Stalin Fertilizer Plant has already started operations and is working independently of the other plant departments. It is a great asset to the Bulgarian chemical industry as it considerably reduces the cost of sulfuric acid, heretofore imported. The completion of the plant is now being pursued with the utmost energy. The abundance of pyrite throughout the country favors the production of sulfuric acid, which will soon be available in any desired quantities.

Soviet specialists are daily supervising the construction work, which since 8 November 1950 is proceeding on a 24-hour schedule, with some brigades working 12-hour shifts. A large number of women are participating in the construction work. Many of them, as well as the men, are chemistry students, who subsequently will be employed in the Dimitrovgrad chemical combine.

TRANSPORTATION WORKERS EXCEED PLAN -- Sofia, Izgrev, 10 Dec 50

Transportation workers in Stalin have exceeded the plan set up for the unloading of equipment for the Stalin Fertilizer Plant and the Maritsa 3 Thermal Electric Plant. As of now, the following equipment has been delivered: 5 kilometers of narrow-gauge industrial railroad line, one diesel locomotive, one steam locomotive, 50,000 electrodes, two flatcars, and two trucks. A part of the rail-road station of the plant is ready. Of the total planned railroad network, measuring 10 kilometers and requiring six switches, 8,655 meters of rail and six switches have been delivered for operation.

The central administration of automobile transportation, in accordance with concluded agreements, has delivered all the necessary trucks ahead of schedule.

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A special commission set up by the Ministry of Transportation is establishing plans for the reconstruction of the Dimitrovgrad freight yard. The Transpred (Transport Enterprises) Project Bureau will draft these plans and estimates ahead of schedule, to be ready at the end of 1950 instead of 31 January 1951. The central administration of the Ministry of Transportation has concluded an agreement with the Stalin Fertilizer Plant, according to which the Ministry of Transportation will voluntarily assume the responsibility for the organization and administration of the plant railroad system. This measure will assure the prompt unloading of equipment and prevent the blocking of transportation.

CRITICIZES ORGANIZATION ON PLANT PROJECT -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 11 Dec 50

Iliya Parlukov, technical supervisor of the central building at the Stalin Fertilizer Plant project in Dimitrovgrad, complains that the various technical supervisors are failing to coordinate their work by holding meetings to discuss the general construction plan. The three assistants dispatched to maintain technical supervision lack the training necessary for the high-speed operations requested by the recent decree and, like many others working at the project, they have not been instructed about their particular assignments. A sufficient number of workers have now been assembled at the project, but many of them are walking around with their hands in their pockets and no one to tell them what to do. Sometimes entire brigades are left for days without work, and the men are aroused because of the loss of wages. It is true that at the present stage of construction, operations have to be shifted from one installation to another, but arrangements should be made to organize continuous work.

The vigilance on the project is also insufficient. Several hostile acts have been committed, and the effects of this sabotage have not been immediately stopped. On 6 and 7 December Parlukov noticed that the nails holding the rope used for centering the concrete pillars of the building had been removed and thrown away. The act had been committed in spite of the presence of hundreds of workers engaged in that section on a 24-hour schedule.

DISPATCH WORKERS TO NEW PLANT PROJECT -- Sofia, Izgrev, 8 Dec 50

The Ministry of Communal Economy and Welfare is urging workers belonging to the TPZK (Workers' Trade Cooperatives) in Burgas, to call meetings to discuss their participation in the Stalin Fertilizer Plant Project. A first group of 128 cooperative workers left for Dimitrovgrad on 5 December, followed by another of ten workers from the okoliya industrial combines. The leader of the Burgas TPZK suggested that all the workers enrolled in the cooperatives should be sent to work in Dimitrovgrad in shifts of 4 - 5 months.

UNION ASKS MEMBERS TO WORK ON PLANT PROJECT -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 12 Dec 50

The trade union of electrical workers has issued an appeal to all its members, requesting them to take part in the assembly and fitting work at the Maritsa 3 thermal electric plant project.

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